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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

STEP UP!

About this time of year in most hurches there are several things hich should have careful attention nd in which the members themselves ould make their interest felt.

1. There is the question whether ie church treasurer is up to date in is remittances to the Conference ffice. Sometimes treasurers do not ealize the pressing needs which these emittances represent. Instances have ven occurred of trustees deliberately olding back benevolence money with view to having a fund from which borrow to meet a shortage in local xpenses. Such practices cannot be o strongly reprehended.

2. Now is the time to raise the uestion whether there is an assured rospect of closing the church year ith all bills paid and with the benvolence goal attained. It is perfectly n order for any member of the church make inquiry of the trustees or the easurer on these points. If a shortge is foreseen, now is the time to rrange for a special appeal to the ongregation on some favorable Sunay morning. A simple statement of he facts in public will often call forth xtra contributions from unexpected ources. Individual members do not lways realize how much a little manfestation of their personal solicitude n these matters can often accomlish. It is a matter that appeals to he pride of every church to close the ear in good shape.

3. In most of our churches the budet for the coming year is adopted n November and the every-member anvass put on early in December. he urgent suggestion is going forth rom our national headquarters that here be a general determination to step up" this coming year in all lines f church giving.

There are few churches that could ot do far more effective work with little larger financial outlay. The uxuries and conveniences which this ould make possible often make all he difference between happiness and epression in church life. An attracive bulletin board; improvement of he condition of the grounds and uilding and of the interior furnishngs and decorations; installation of pulpit device that will enable the ard of hearing to enjoy the sermon; rovision for artistic printing and adertising; secretarial conveniences or the pastor; a more liberal outlay or new music, and for occasional oloists; vestments for the choir; in arger churches a salaried director of ducation to take charge of the church chool,—these are some of the luxuies a little more money will buy. People are readier than we realize o give more largely for specific hings like these. The pastor may esitate to ask for them. The initiaive may well come from enterprising nd generous spirits among the laity.

As for benevolences, retrenchment as been the word long enough in our nission boards. The work is sufferng from it; the workers are underaid; new fields that cry out to be ntered are passed by on the other ide, and things are done with parsiuony that ought to be done generously.

Our own Conference has abandoned he word "apportionment," and the message has gone out that each church is placed upon its honor to do its very utmost for the common task. A growing and prosperous church should plan every year to do more for the general work than it did the year before. In most churches, and sometimes on boards of trustees are shortsighted persons who figure that there is only so much money available, and that therefore what is given for missions means so much less for local expenses. That is far from being the case. People have money to give where they are keenly interested. Often there are persons in a congregation who have had on their hearts for years the work of the American Board or of the A. M. A. These very letters have been sacred in their families from early childhood. Or they have a warm place in their hearts for ministerial relief or for the kind of work the Home Mission board does among immigrants. They have money to give for these objects that could never be coaxed into the local church treasury. Men whose interest in missions goes no farther than a pride in having their local church do as well as the others for what they vaguely think of as "the denominational work," quite fail to realize this, when they think of money for missions as simply so much money subtracted from the local treasury.

The stimulation of giving to our missionary cause is one of the greatly needed things in our church life at present. For this reason we welcome the "project plan," which aims to awaken interest in some particular missionary or institution and secure friends and supporters for that purpose in a church. If missionary interest in your church is at a low ebb, get in touch with Mrs. Swartz and appoint yourself a salesman for some of her line of projects among your church people. And now is precisely the time to do it, when budget plans for next year are being discussed.

FEDERATION MEETING

The Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California met October 18th at the usual time and place. There was a representative gathering of women, the interest was keen throughout the day.

All the reports showed a lively enthusiasm on the part of the secretaries. When the Thank Offering secretary made her report, it was soon apparent that the usual difference of opinion as to its application was present in many minds. Mrs. Ferrier, with her trained and clear understanding, presented the recommendation of the Conference: The Thank Offering of the societies shall be sent to the Conference office to be counted on the State Apportionment, but not on the apportionment of the sending church. Mrs. Brown also mentioned the suggestion of the Conference that the Thank Offering should be divided, a Fall Thank Offering for other nations, and a Spring Offering for our own.

The Project plan also evoked much discussion. Mrs. Swartz explained that what was formerly our Fields later became under the merger our Projects. It must be understood that Projects were intended for educational purposes largely. It is hoped that a full exposition of the plan can be brought to the attention of all the societies in the near future. It is worth our careful consideration.

In the afternoon Miss Perkins, the Home Field Secretary, and Mrs. Charles C. Harmon for Mrs. Peck, the Foreign Field Secretary, made brief reports. Miss Perkins brought word of the Open Meeting held by our Federated Chinese School in San Francisco for all the other language schools of the city. The Chinese Consul and other notables were present, the crowd was even greater than could be accommodated and the gain to the prestige and the consequent influence of our school was very great. Mrs. Harmon had gleaned many interesting items from the current events in many of the distant lands and read extracts from a delightful letter from Dr. Alma Cooke, telling of her arrival at the hospital in China and the elaborate greeting which awaited her.

Then followed two recommendations:

1. That the Federation adopt the policy in regard to speakers and missionaries of providing entertainment through the people of the churches but assume no part of the traveling expenses.
2. That a list be compiled by each church of those who might, at some time, entertain in their homes, the missionaries and speakers. The lists to be placed with Mrs. Harmon, chairman of the Speakers' Bureau.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHRIST

A vital partner in any task knows and understands that task. Christ needs intelligent followers; the churches need intelligent givers. Hence the project in a home church, which will give specific responsibility in various lines of work to a lay Christian, who may himself not stir ten miles beyond his own threshold.

The education on a project should include all ages of the church, reached by suitable graded plans and materials, with projects suitable for the different grades when possible. The project should not be an extra activity, but should be built into the whole fabric of the church life.

Has your church taken its share of projects? The project committee, of which Mrs. Swartz is chairman, will be glad to assist you in securing projects in fields where your interests lie. These projects are based upon the percentages voted at Conference last year: 50 per cent for our state work including the foreign work within our boundaries, 20 per cent for the homeland boards for work in this country outside of our Conference bounds, and 30 per cent for the foreign work, you having your choice of country and type of work you are most interested in: educational, medical, evangelistic, etc. The children would be particularly interested in kindergarten work.

Our state project committee has set aside certain projects which they feel would be of special interest to young people. From ten to twenty shares at ten dollars a share of each of the projects listed below are those chosen. Which ones are your young people interested in? How many shares will you take? Mrs. Robert B. Shaw, 1627 Francisco Street, Berkeley, will be glad to help you select yours.

State Work:

1. Home mission churches, American throughout the state, Chinese in Berkeley and Sacramento, Japanese near Fresno, Indian at Fort Bidwell, Filipino at Salinas. All of these churches need outside help. 20 shares.
2. Hip Wo School for Chinese children and young people in San Francisco. 10 shares.

National Work:

1. Summer student service. Many summer students at U. C. have no friends or contacts other than those made through our summer student work. 20 shares.
2. Salary of the student pastor at U. C. 20 shares.
3. Rio Grande Institute, Albuquerque, New Mexico—a school for Spanish-Americans where many back-country, underprivileged children are molded into attractive and competent youths. 10 shares.
4. Rider Memorial Hospital, Humacao, Porto Rico, for the training of native nurses and the care of many thousands of Porto Ricans. 20 shares.

World Service:

1. Evangelistic work in country sections of Rhodesia, Africa. 10 shares.
2. Educational and evangelistic work in India. 20 shares.
3. Part support of Miss Catherine Pedley in Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, one of the finest colleges we have on the foreign field. 10 shares.
4. Part support of Miss Edith Parsons, a teacher in our school in Smyrna. 10 shares.
5. Scholarships for the American School in Brousa, Turkey, in which Miss Edith Sanderson has been a teacher for some years. 20 shares.
6. Part support of Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Blake who have just gone out to Constantinople from Berkeley to do educational work. 20 shares.
7. Support of additional beds in American Board Hospital at Lintsing, China, under the direction of Dr. Alma Cook of Oakland. 5 shares.

Some of these projects listed above are suggested for the Primary and Junior Departments of the Sunday Schools, and in addition they may choose from the following:

Primary:

1. Aid to colored children in Brewer Hospital, Greenwood, South Carolina —the only colored hospital for 100,000 colored people. 10 shares.
2. Kindergarten for Japanese children in Hamazaka, Japan. 10 shares.
3. Union kindergarten for Chinese children in Foochow, China. Many of these Oriental children would have no chance to go to school at all if it were not for our mission schools. 6 shares.

Junior:

1. Aid to African children in school in Rhodesia, Africa—the only chance these children have for an education. 1½ shares.
2. Aid for hospital in Wai, India—doing work similar to that in Lintsing. 10 shares.

Intermediate and Senior:

1. Girls' School(Mazatlan, Mexico; Miss Aileen Parsons, principal—many scholarships needed for the children and young people who want an education. 10 shares.

NEW BUILDINGS FOR KOBE COLLEGE

Kobe College, Japan, is seeking $700,000 for buildings. Its present three acre campus is overcrowded and the adjacent rented property, on which some of its buildings stand, must soon be given up as the city proposes to cut two broad streets and to run a new trolley line through it. The Japanese are raising $300,000 for endowment in addition to having, through the Kobe Alumnae, already provided a new campus site at a cost of $75,000.

The $700,000 needed for new buildings is America's share. Of this amount, $317,000 has already been raised. Mr. Edward S. Harkness of New York has offered $100,000 conditioned on the raising of the unpledged balance, now $283,000, before January 1st. Pledges may be payable over a three year period.

Mr. Harold W. Hackett, Treasurer and Trustee of Kobe College, Treasurer also of the American Board Mission in Japan, has been invited by the Kobe College Corporation in America to spend six months in this country as special representative to present Kobe's absorbing story and its great opportunity as an investment in internationalism. Mr. Hackett has been in Southern California since October 26 and in the San Francisco Bay Region, November 9-21. A committee composed of representatives of various denominations, clubs and interests asks for him a cordial reception and an eager hearing, especially among Congregationalists, for Kobe College is a child of the Congregational Church and they, more than others, know the importance of its past achievements and the broad field that lies ahead of it.

Mrs. Paul Raymond is Chairman of the Kobe College Campaign Committee for Northern California and Mr. Ralph T. Fisher, Vice-President of the American Trust Company, Oakland, California, is Treasurer.

THE BOY WHO WANTED TO FLY AND OTHER TALKS TO BOYS AND GIRLS

By Arthur Bunce. Illustrated by M. T. Ross. Harr Wagner Publishing Company, San Francisco. Price $2.00.

I tried these stories on my children and they won, a fair test of the author's way into the little one's hearts. Here are two hundred pages of entertaining sketches of places, things and people, interspersed with ten such fairy and animal and party pictures as children love. Mr. Bunce is a minister from the old land and his pen roves through scenes there as well as here, touches Glasgow, but also the Canadian Rockies and San Francisco Bay. His eye for moral and religious parables lurking in the commonplace reminds one repeatedly of F. W. Boreham, as does also his method of attack. If Mr. Bunce writes more for children than for adults, it is nevertheless impossible that the latter should fail to delight in the simple charm and freshness of his work or profit by the wholesome morals he causes so naturally to become apparent in things. Preachers looking for illustrations will find them here. Perhaps, too, hints in the art of title-making may be discovered in such captions as: "The Boy With the Patched-Up Face" and "The Tree With a Thousand Candles." But parents as well as preachers will experience a certain pleasure of surprise in the aptness with which he makes the artificial electric "fire" in a room on an ocean liner talk of shams, and the little engine puffing consequentially in and out of a Scotch station show how "the big engine can't start the work—unless the little chap is there doing his share," and the dropping of the key of the Golden Gate from an American aeroplane onto the deck of a British man-of-war in San Francisco harbor illustrate how "love is God's golden key for unlocking the closed gateways of life."

They say it was the fell clutch of circumstance that gave "Don Quixote" to the world by compelling Cervantes to write. One wonders whether, if Mr. Bunce's health had remained perfect, a busy pastorate might have deprived us of this fruit of his soul and pen. His magnificently brave refusal to take the worst the doctors could say of him, and his defiant climb back to strength—a climb, though well advanced, unfortunately not yet finished—makes the more significant this cluster of sunny chapters for boys and girls—indeed for all who love truth and beauty. I once saw a bird supporting itself on one leg as the bough swung. The other leg was broken. And the bird was singing! This is not unlike the message Mr. Bunce himself saw in the dentist's waiting-room, when the grim and apprehensive victims were startled by a sudden "funny little cackle of laughter." It came from the boy whose fearfully injured face could not prevent his careless enjoyment of the jokes in a magazine. "Some day I hope I shall meet him again, for already his story has been read by thousands, and it will be read by thousands more! And all the time he isn't even aware of the fact of how much good he did that day in the dentist's waiting room when his irrepressible cheeriness made him famous—as the Boy With the Patched-Up Face."

TINKER AND THINKER: JOHN BUNYAN

The above is the title of a book just off the press, issued by Willet, Clark & Colby, Chicago. As our readers know, November marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of John Bunyan, for he was born in Elstow, England, November, 1628. This book of 180 pages, with six highly original and unique illustrations, resembling 17th century woodcuts, gives us a graphic insight into the life and times of this "tinker out of Bedford." The author, Dr. W. H. Nelson, the editor of the Pacific Methodist Advocate, San Francisco, tells us in the preface that in his early youth his life was revolutionized by the reading of Pilgrim's Progress, and therefore throughout the years he has been a deep student of Bunyan. The book is, therefore, a labor of love. The author feels that the example of Bunyan will be not only stimulating to people today, but a positive blessing. And we do need men like Bunyan today; men who believe something believe it intensely, who are willing to suffer for their conviction. If the Christian Church today is to experience a new birth of freedom, to have a new dynamic, it will have to again realize that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."

The author very wisely studies John Bunyan in connection with his times. In order to paint the picture of Bunyan he paints in religious and social conditions in that part of the 17th century as a background. This life of Bunyan is not a mere matter of dry dates, but is an interpretation of the man and his motives and the motivating principles of his life. All over the English-speaking world the tercentenary of the immortal author of Pilgrim's Progress will be celebrated this November. In fact in England they are calling 1928 "Bunyan Year." Sermons will be preached on the "Immortal Dreamer" in every Protestant pulpit. There are at least two good sermons in this book, and we do not see how a preacher can get along without it; not simply for the sermon material which it may suggest, but for what he ought to know about Bunyan, and for what that knowledge will do for him. And not only the preachers but every Christian man and woman who has read Pilgrim's Progress in their youth; who went by the wicket gate with Christian, struggled with him in the Slough of Despond, suffered with him in Doubting Castle kept by Giant Despair, rejoiced with him when the burden rolled away at the foot of the cross, will want to renew their youth by reading this intensely interesting biography and appreciation of Bunyan. The price is $1.50 postpaid, and the book can be secured from the author. Address Dr. W. H. Nelson, 307 Pacific Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.

With much pleasure I commend the book "Tinker and Thinker, John Bunyan," written by my personal friend, Dr. William Hamilton Nelson. It is written in a popular view, is packed with information and is most refreshing in its interpretations of this great mystic of the Puritan movement.

—The Editor.

A VISITOR

Northern California is receiving the benefit during the month of November of the presence of Miss Miriam Woodberry of the national office in New York City. Under the auspices of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, Miss Woodberry is visiting our churches where calls come for her services, speaking at Sunday services and meeting with the women during the week.

Miss Woodberry's schedule does not allow her her having much free time, as may be seen from the following.

Nov. 1—Benicia.

Nov. 2—First Church, Oakland.

Nov. 4—Sonoma.

Nov. 7—Calvary Armenian Church, San Francisco.

Nov. 8—First Church, Oakland, and Crockett in afternoon.

Nov. 9—Crockett.

Nov. 11—Auburn.

Nov. 13—Loomis.

Nov. 14-15—Stockton.

Nov. 18—Ceres and Ripon.

Nov. 19-23—Angel's Camp and Calaveras County.

Nov. 25—San Leandro and Oakland First Young People.

Nov. 27—Mission Park, San Francisco.

If any of our churches feel that they are being left out, we would advise that they get in touch with the Conference office at once. Miss Woodberry will be here until about December 1st, and we could fit in three or four more appointments for her, on dates which are not taken in the above schedule. However, we don't want to work her too hard while she is with us.

PERSONALS

Word has been received that Rev. Benjamin Gould and family are in San Jose. We welcome them back to Northern California.

Rev. E. W. Houlding has been called to Benicia for full time service and is at work. The church is planning to call a council to ordain him.

Miss Rheba Crawford is supplying the Fairfax Church for a temporary period.

Fruitvale Church is being supplied by Rev. James B. Orr, formerly of Boulevard Church.

Rev. Rev. W. E. Eckles has been asked to serve the Auburn Church as a stated supply.

Rev. A. P. Orth has moved to Southern California that he may be near his daughter.

ALTURAS

The church at Alturas deeply regrets the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Carson and family, who will be lovingly remembered for years.

Mr. Carson endeared himself to the community by his friendliness, his undaunted faith, and Irish charm. His sermons were inspiring and he proved himself an able leader and a worthy citizen.

NCCC ANNOUNCING

The date and place for the next National Council has been definitely settled. Delegates may now make their plans.

Detroit, Michigan
May 28-June 4, 1929

BENEVOLENCES

January 10 to October 31, 1928

Adin	$ 92.33
Alameda	150.00
Alturas	25.00
Antioch	54.00
Benicia	25.00
Berkeley—	
First	6,317.69
North	1,411.00
Park	173.34
Ceres	410.00
Cloverdale	200.00
Crockett	112.50
Eureka	184.00
Fairfax	34.26
Ferndale	135.85
Fresno First	688.38
Glen Ellen	15.00
Grass Valley	109.89
Guerneville	67.00
Lodi	900.00
Los Gatos	62.78
Martinez	53.64
Niles	13.55
Oakland—	
Calvary	80.00
First	5,672.00
Fruitvale	51.02
Olivet	100.00
Pilgrim	283.29
Plymouth	1,522.83
Oleander	24.00
Oroville	92.07
Pacific Grove	546.33
Palo Alto	1,050.00
Paradise	75.00
Petaluma	761.70
Pittsburg	151.16
Porterville	200.00
Redwood City	500.00
Rio Vista	20.00
Ripon	15.00
Sacramento	497.25
Salida	55.00
San Francisco—	
Bethany	150.00
First	1,800.00
Richmond	55.13
San Jose	895.70
San Juan	90.00
San Leandro	62.71
San Mateo	210.00
San Rafael	6.00
Santa Cruz	650.00
Santa Rosa—	
First	384.05
Todd	3.00
Saratoga	700.00
Sebastopol	14.00
Sonoma	204.37
Stockton	1,730.00
Suisun	75.00
Tipton	6.68
Tulare	100.00
Weaverville	5.83
Woodside	130.00
Reno, Nevada	401.36
Miscellaneous Gifts	1,037.99

1927—$32,966.37
1928—$31,643.68
Decrease—$1,322.69

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

ɔTES FROM THE MINUTES OF HE CONFERENCE DIRECTORS, OCTOBER 9, 1928

Yosemite Church—The matter of e Yosemite Church was discussed d it was voted that Dr. Kenngott esent the matter of the $400 appeal the Northern Conference, asking at they assume this in view of the ct that we are now taking $1,650 ear in interdenominational work.

Barstow—Voted that we make the rstow balance a part of the New ork Fund.

Addressograph—Voted to buy an adessograph on approval on a fifty-ty basis with the Book Room.

Ministerial Relief—Letter was read ɔm Dr. Charles S. Mills in regard adjusting bookkeeping in the mat- of $219.35 on the 1927 budget. It as voted that we accede to their quest in the matter and forward eck for the amount to the National inisterial Relief Society.

Missionary Grants — Rev. J. H. itchins reported for the Committee garding Hemet. Recommended that await the action of the San Ber-rdino Association next week and Every Member Canvass at Hemet.

West Hollywood—Applications were ceived from E. E. Smith for a grant $1,500 and a loan of $2,500 from e Congregational Church Building ciety. Approved.

North Wilshire—Voted to continue e grant of $50 per month until Jan-ry 1, 1929, to Rev. Ray Eckerson.

Religious Education — Rev. E. D. ylord reported that they were plan-ng a reception at the First Church, s Angeles, for Rev. Sidney H. ickham for the churches of the Ex-nsion Society. Also that the pro-am for the Young People's Confer-ce in the spring was underway.

Benevolence, Apportionment and ew Work—Mrs. G. H. Schulte re-rted that her Committee had asked r to do personal solicitation guar-teeing her expenses when out of wn. She reported a letter had been nt and a statement of principles d been printed.

West Coast of Mexico—Mr. Fred Wilcox reported that we are be-nning the raising of funds, $25,000 $30,000, for a new school at Mazat-n. Also that Dr. and Mrs. Kenngott, v. Perry F. Schrock and Mrs. W. Porterfield of San Diego expected leave on Wednesday, October 17, siting the churches and schools.

SAMUEL HITCHCOCK, Scribe.

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday, December 2nd, the day used nerally by our churches for the very-Member Canvass, will soon be re. It is especially important that e churches receiving missionary aid ould make ample preparation well advance of the Canvass, and that should be followed through. Failure due, usually, to inadequate prepara-n and incomplete execution, and the nvass should be completed by De-mber 20th, for it is difficult to do ich for the ten days thereafter ing to the Christmas holidays.

Samples of Pledge and Information rds, of leaflets and pamphlets, have en sent you from the National fice. We have a large supply here d shall be glad to fill your orders. the material is free.

The next number of "The Pacific" ll present suggestions from a few our pastors on the canvass. Each urch and minister will determine iat is best in the matter of the nvass, which should include pledges t only for current expenses, but for e apportionment. The standard rate commended by the conference at veral annual meetings is twenty nts a week per capita, on the basis of the total membership. Some churches will have to give more in order to counterbalance those which give less. Even though a church receives missionary aid, it should certainly have and show an interest in the world-wide missionary undertakings of our denomination.

It is earnestly hoped that the churches receiving missionary aid will be able to get along for 1929 with reduced missionary grant as result of the thorough canvass. It is not the desire of the conference directors, certainly not of the superintendent that there should be any reduction in the pastor's salary, but rather that in several cases there should be considerable increase in order to have the minimum salary for the pastor, giving his whole time to the field and living within the bounds of his parish, $1,500.00 and parsonage, preferably $1,800.00. There are several new communities without a Sunday school or church allocated to our denomination, which should have as soon as possible a resident pastor and an adequate church building, such as Kensington Heights, San Diego. In addition, there is need of a church building at Glen Avon and in the Bethel district of San Bernardino. A new building in behalf of Carthay Center, which church has just come over to our denomination, re-organization of the church at North Wilshire, for the Los Angeles Association, and a new building at Mojave for that church, which was recently received into the Kern Association, are pressing needs. The Conference cannot undertake new work unless it has some relief from its present missionary grants. Several churches which have been receiving missionary aid for many years should come to self-support on some adequate basis in the near future.

The grants for 1929 will be made in the light of the following factors:

1. Receipts for 1928.
2. Probable receipts for 1929.
3. Amount of missionary grants requested for 1929 and the appropriations required for new undertakings.

By vote of the conference an educational secretary has been engaged to begin his work November 1st. While the expenses of this office will be a new charge upon the conference, it is hoped that in time the service of Rev. Sidney H. Buckham as educational secretary will justify itself by the increased efficiency of the churches and their gifts in appreciation thereof. There is also a demand for our co-operation and assistance in the religious education program at the new state university at Los Angeles. The major denominations are being asked to take part in a co-operative program of social and instructive religious activities with the students. Mr. Buckham will devote a part of his time to this work for the present. I hope the ideal will be realized to have a Hall of Religion representing all of our co-operating denominational and inter-denominational organizations, like the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., with the unified program.

If, in addition, we could have one Protestant church at the new state university, either with a group of federated churches or with organic union, after the manner of our Union Japanese Church in Los Angeles with Presbyterians and Congregationalists working as one, or like the Riverside Japanese Church with Methodists and Congregationalists united, that would be an accomplishment worth living for. Already several of the denominations have representatives at the state university of Los Angeles.

Early in the year the Conference Committee on Education agreed on a policy of finding and recommending to the board of directors an assistant to the Conference Superintendent, whose work should be especially in the field of religious education, but who might also be available for supplementary work in the churches. It was believed that we should have an ordained man, with experience in religious education, but also general experience in the work of the church, so that he might be helpful in the general program of the church as well as in its religious education. After much correspondence your committee recommended to the board of directors the employment of Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, who has been for the past two years director of religious education in the Central Union Church of Honolulu. The conference directed voted unanimously to call Rev. Sidney H. Buckham as conference educational secretary at their meeting Tuesday, July 10, 1928.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT SANTA ANA

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of the Southern California Sunday School Council of Religious Education was held at Santa Ana from Wednesday to Friday, October 31 to November 2. There was a total enrollment of 300. The mornings were given over to departmental roundtables, closing with a general assembly. The afternoon sessions were also discussion groups, with popular addresses in the evening.

The Congregationalists taking part were Rev. Holland F. Burr, Dr. A. D. Stauffacher, Mr. James Wallace and Miss Mabel Hawthorne. It was reported that during the year the debt of over $20,000 had been reduced to only $9,000 and an effort was planned to clear off the entire debt by the end of this year. There was a forward-looking spirit in the whole Convention, which augurs good for the future of that organization.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

The "Every Member Canvass" requires each church to work out its own method suited to its conditions and to vary that method from time to time. The following is in brief the method which has worked successfully with us in our church for three years.

First: A budget of current expenses and benevolences has been carefully prepared and submitted to the church at a pre-canvass supper for adoption. The purpose of this supper has been partly for education, but even more to arouse the spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm.

Second: A carefully prepared letter fully explaining the canvass has been sent to each family of the church and Sunday school, with additional information as to the budgets, and the sources from which the receipts come. All are asked to take part in a service of giving on the following Sunday morning.

Third: At this Sunday morning Service of Giving the pastor preaches upon some aspect of giving and of the opportunity of the church locally and in the world. This is followed by a brief devotional period, after which the pledge cards are signed, and then a service of consecration, at which time the cards are brought to the chancel. Careful preparations are made for this service to raise our giving from a purely perfunctory matter to Christian service into which the heart goes.

Fourth: Following this Sunday a very careful check is made and a follow-up letter sent to every family from whom pledges have not been received. Pledge cards are enclosed and the people asked to be home to receive the canvasser on the following Sunday afternoon.

Fifth: The canvassers meet at the church for luncheon and are very carefully instructed in the matter of the budget, etc., and how to approach the homes they are to visit. The canvass is then made and those who are not reached that Sunday afternoon are followed up by a letter or visit until the parish has been completely canvassed.

The above method has not only lightened the work of the canvasser in reducing the number of calls to be made, but also shows that the Sunday morning service can be made one of the high points of spiritual interest in the life of the people. I recommend it for trial to others.

EDAWARD D. GAYLORD,
Church of the Messiah,
Los Angeles, California.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

I'm afraid our recent methods with the Every Member Canvass are so unorthodox as not to be of general approval and acceptance. But if you want the truth, I'll give it.

For many years we tried to work the Every Member Canvass according to the laws of the Ecclesiastical Hoyle, viz., the literature sent from headquarters. The results were none too satisfactory, though theoretically the methods suggested seemed logically infallible.

The people increasingly balked at the detail involved and many of our leaders declined to take part in it. Others did it only because of much pressure.

So we adopted this method. Published budgets—a full statement at a church service and at a dinner and ask the people to hand in their pledges if they desire to make changes. Our pledge cards are "good till changed or cancelled." Those which seem reasonably satisfactory are allowed to run on year after year. As need arises we ask for increases and usually get a good response. New people are visited and enlisted by the committee. Members who appear to be giving less than what seems to be their share, are also seen and urged to "step up" their gifts.

This method operates with a relatively small and expert committee. We found some of our visitors under the old method were embarassed, incompetent and did not help much. Some unfavorable reactions were stirred up and little real soliciting was accomplished by them. Our present system makes use of a much smaller but more competent group of workers.

By present methods we have raised more than ever before, met our full apportionment last year and have covered a current debt and made expensive improvements. The proof of the pudding is the eating.

HERBERT C. IDE,
First Congregational Church,
Redlands, California.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The event of the year for Congregational young people is the summer conference of one week at Pomona College. A double delight is experienced by all who are privileged to be a part of it. It is the talk of the months immediately preceding the date. This is anticipation. It is the talk of the year immediately following. This is realization, for the conference does register in the consciousness of those in attendance on the basis of its distinct purpose. This annual conference is a fellowship of Congregational youth in the study of the Christian way of life.

It is the conviction of those present most closely in touch with the conference that the enthusiasm and stimulation there engendered are of such significance that a well-planned effort should be made in each church to tie up this enthusiasm and this stimulation to the local program.

It is urged that rallies of, by, and for young people be arranged, either by groups of churches or by individual churches, to be held early in the fall with the definite aim of reviving and applying this summer conference zeal for the Christian enterprise. Such rallies might feature the singing of stunt songs such as are used at the conference, brief talks by delegates asked to speak of the high-lights of the conference, a presentation of definite goals for the year in the young people's program of the groups represented in the rally with a discussion of ways of attaining these goals, this to lead to a few moments of individual and group consecration to the tasks outlined. The rally might well be concluded with the singing of the conference hymn, "Follow The Gleam." Words and music for this hymn may be secured at the Congregational headquarters in Los Angeles.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF L. A. HOLDS SEMI-ANNUAL MEET

One of the largest and most successful semi-annual meetings of the Los Angeles Congregational Church Extension Society was held at the First Church, Los Angeles, Calif., on Tuesday evening, October 9. After the social hour, dinner was served in the Social Hall, followed by two-minute reports from the churches. There were 343 representatives from the churches present. Out of a total number of 39 churches, 33 gave reports, showing progress all along the line. Only eight churches failed to make a report. The largest delegation of all came from the Wilshire Congregational Church.

The meeting was brought to a fitting climax by greetings from Miss Miriam Woodberry, representing the National Extension Boards, Rev. C. C. Merrill, Secretary of the Commission on Missions, and President Ozora Davis, Moderator of the National Council. Miss Woodberry told the story of how, when she was on her way West at one of the Harvey Houses, she saw a sign which read, "Meals, 25c; Square Meals, 35c; Royal Gorge, $1.00." She intimated that she had been having a "Royal Gorge" ever since. Dr. Davis centered his talk about a little poem which he composed:

"Make your program;
Get your man;
Find your place,
And work your plan."

emphasizing the fact that one must have a program and without the personality back of it, the program was of little use. If you have your program and your man, the plan must be carried clear through.

NEWS FROM CONFERENCE PARTY IN MEXICO

We arrived here (Mexico City) safely on Saturday, about midnight, only three or four hours late. The last half of the way we were preceded by an armored train full of soldiers and had an armored car of soldiers at the end of our train. The train the day before was attacked by bandits. Two of them were captured and their bodies were hanging from telegraph poles by the side of the railroad.

We drove around the city and its environs on Sunday morning and at noon attended the religious services in the old Cathedral at Guadalupe. On Monday we drove to the Pyramids and spent the day tramping all over the territory. I am still lame from my climb up the Pyramid of the Sun.

Tuesday we spent in "official business" and in interviews. We spent some time with Ambassador Morrow, Secretary of Education Sr. Moises Sainz, President Ross of the Theological Seminary, the Sara Keene School (Methodist) which two children of President Calles attend, the Episcopal School, and others.

Today we drove to Pueblo and spent some time in visiting the Methodist Schools for Boys and Girls. At 6:30 p.m. we leave for Guadalajara, where we are to spend three days.

We have been treated everywhere with the utmost courtesy, and have seen and learned much. I think Mexico better send some missionaries to Los Angeles, especially to give us lessons in courtesy! Mr. Morrow knew me, reminding me that his father was one of my teachers in mathematics in the Pittsburgh High School. I find that I knew a good many people here, in one way and another. GEORGE F. KENNGOTT.

Rev. Frank E. Dell has been called to the pastorate of Calipatria and Westmorland (Community) Churches. He has accepted the call to begin November 15.

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Douglas have returned from the Conference of the Cross Roads, Honolulu.

Rev. Lawrence A. Wilson returned from a trip around the world October 12th. Mrs. Wilson went with him through Europe. At the farewell meeting of the church before their departure, they were each presented with a small suitcase containing gifts of

They joined the Sherwood party in England and went with it to Holland and Germany. Mr. Wilson then went on to Leningrad, while Mrs. Wilson visited her ancestral home in Ireland.

Mr. Wilson spent three weeks in Russia, visiting Moscow and crossing over the Trans-Siberian Railway to Harbin. From there he went to Peking and Tientsin.

He reports a great struggle going on for the Soul of Russia, the materialistic against the spiritual, but religion is gaining ground, though the Government is doing all it can to suppress religion in any form. In Russia today the poor man is better off. Social life and legal jurisprudence are up-side-down. It will be very interesting to watch the experiments that are going on in Russia today.

HIGHLAND DEDICATES ORGAN

The dedication of the new Pilcher organ in the Highland Congregational Church, on October 7, was very successful. In the morning there was the "Annual Church Rally and Home Coming Day," with a record attendance at the church school. In the evening Mr. J. M. Spaulding gave a very enjoyable concert showing the possibilities of the new organ. Superintendent Kengott gave the address of the evening, while the pastor, Rev. H. V. Hartshorn, led in the act of dedication, Rev. Stephen A. Norton offering the dedicatory prayer. It was a "Red Letter" day for Highland.

NEWS FROM TURKEY

(Extracts of Letter from Dr. Goodsell)

The impression one is bound to get when returning even after a brief absence from Turkey is that the social revolution is still in full swing. Some observers are tempted to speak of the "New Turkey" in exaggerated terms, as if in a trice the old things had passed away and all things had become new. That, of course, is not the case, but the really significant thing is that the onward sweep of progress toward what the West would certainly call a new Turkey has not been stopped by any of the quiescent but potent reactionary forces.

There has been very marked progress during the last year toward an aggressive friendly foreign policy. Turkey has made a number of treaties of amity and commerce with foreign countries, chiefly European, including several of the Balkan states. This tendency is part and parcel of Turkey's desire for economic development. The Government wants peace with all its neighbors in order that it may give attention to self-development.

Second only to economic interest and closely related to it is the awakened interest in education, especially technical schools. The Government system of education is improving as rapidly as can be expected in view of the great dearth of qualified teachers, both for primary as well as for higher education. One means the Government is adopting to overcome this handicap is to send selected students to Europe for special training. I noticed, for instance, in the morning paper that a competition had been opened to girls to go to Europe to study millinery, dressmaking, embroidery, home economics, laundry processes, etc., and for boys to study hotel keeping, furrier trades, saddlery, bakery and pastry arts, tailoring, brush-making, broom-making, barrel-making, fruit, vegetable and fish canning, house decoration, decorative arts, bookbinding, etc.

Pressure is steadily being brought to bear upon our American schools to stress vocational training. Without losing sight of the importance of the cultural branches, our schools are cooperating in carrying out this very practical policy. In spite of the closing of our Girls' School at Brousa, the Government has given permission for the re-opening of our Boys and Girls School at Talas and promises further co-operation with all our schools provided they stress vocational courses.

This leads me to say something about the Brousa school affair. The school was closed by the Government January 31st, 1928, because school inspectors thought they had evidence of religious propaganda contrary to law on the part of three American teachers. The case was tried in a local court and a very nominal verdict rendered. The nature of the sentence (three days imprisonment without guard in their own residence and $1.50 fine each) shows conclusively that the Government recognized that it really had no case and sought to avoid complications. We appealed the case because we are convinced that the American teachers did not violate the law. Up to the present, the verdict of the higher court has not been given. We confidently expect that in the course of time the school will be re-opened. The school policy of the Mission is definitely to respect the law regarding religious education. We are not interested in proselytism or in propaganda. We do regard our schools as a means of service to the people, the motive for which is our purpose of making the spirit and life of Jesus known. We do not conceal our motive but we do interpret it as requiring us to abide by the law and to regard spirit as of far more importance than any religious or ecclesiastical label. We can be sure of one thing: in our school work we are serving a primary need of the people and a need which is verily beyond the power of any present agency to meet fully. Our experience is that service in the name of Christ fully within a secular law of government justifies itself from a missionary point of view.

One of the greatest privileges I have had during this year was to attend the Enlarged Meeting of the International Missionary Council at Jerusalem in April. This gathering was an epoch-registering occasion in missionary history. You would find Basil Matthew's report of it "Roads to the City of God" most interesting. People in America frequently speak of the necessity of re-interpreting the missionary's task in the modern world. At Jerusalem its re-interpretation was evident. The task of the modern missionary is as broad as human life. His attitude is not one of superior disdain but of sympathetic understanding and intelligent service in the name of Christ as he witnesses to what Christ means to him.

WASHINGTON'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

"Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His Will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor;

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of the great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and ,in general, for all of the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several duties properly and punctually; to render our National a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations, and to bless them with good government, peace and concord, to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue; and the increase in science among them and us; and generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3rd day of October A. D. 1789.

GEO. WASHINGTON."